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1. JULY 28 MISSION OFFICER SPOKE WITH WORKING LEVEL EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL IN OFFICE WHICH DEALS WITH COMMISSION'S "EXCEPTIONAL AID" (I.E., DISASTER RELIEF). HE SAID COMMISSION ITSELF IS PREPARED TO MAKE SOME ASSISTANCE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND THAT COMMISSION HAS ALSO BEEN CANVASSING EC MEMBER STATES TO SEE WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE FOR SUDAN RELIEF.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIAL NOTED THAT UNDER ITS REGULATIONS COMMISSION CAN DONATE UP TO 300,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT (1 U.A. APPROX \$1.25) IN EXCEPTIONAL AID. HE THOUGHT THAT COMMISSION WOULD DECIDE TODAY TO MAKE SOME CONTRIBUTION, POSSIBLY UP TO THE 300,000 U.A. MAXIMUM, FOR THE SUDAN. HE WAS NOT CERTAIN OF THE USES TO WHICH THE MONEY
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MIGHT BE PUT, BUT SAID THAT THE COMMISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOS IS SHORT OF AVIATION FUEL FOR DELIVERING RELIEF SUPPLIES TO WORST AFFECTED AREAS. COMMISSION MIGHT WELL EARMARK ITS CONTRIBUTION FOR SUCH FUEL.

3. AT TIME OF MISSION'S CONVERSATION WITH HIM, COMMISSION OFFICIAL SAID HE HAD ALREADY TALKED TO FRG, FRANCE,

AND THE U.K. ABOUT THEIR PLANS FOR ASSISTANCE:

A) GERMANS SAID THAT THEY INTEND TO DESPATCH AUGUST 2, ONE AIRCRAFT LOADED WITH FOOD (PREDOMINANTLY DRIED MILK), MEDICAL SUPPLIES (LARGELY ANTIBIOTICS), DISINFECTANTS, AND TENTS. IN ADDITION, FRG IS LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE 50,000 DEUTSCHE MARKS. FRG IS ALSO CONSIDERING THE DESPATCH OF A SECOND PLANE ON AUGUST 6, BUT DID NOT YET KNOW WHAT ITS CARGO MIGHT BE. GERMANS SEEMED TO THINK THAT ONCE IN THE SUDAN, THE PLANE MIGHT BE USED TO HAUL FUEL BETWEEN PORT SUDAN AND KHARTOUM.

B) THE U.K. PLANS TO SEND A PLANE THIS WEEKEND WHICH WILL CONTAIN ANTIBIOTICS, TENTS, AND TWO LAND ROVERS. A SECOND PLANE WILL PROBABLY BE DESPATCHED AUGUST 2, ALTHOUGH COMMISSION OFFICIAL'S BRITISH INTERLOCUTOR WAS NOT SURE WHAT WOULD BE ON IT.

C) FRENCH GOVERNMENT SAID GOF WANTS TO HELP BUT GAVE COMMISSION OFFICIAL NO DETAILS, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THE FRENCH ARE THINKING OF SUPPLYING SOME FOOD AID. HINTON

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